

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment comprising:

a display unit including a display screen;

a plurality of interfaces for inputting visual media information from a plurality of external sources;

script text acquisition means for acquiring a plurality of script texts, containing at least a media element identification of the visual media information to be input from one of the interfaces, an external source information of the media element, a display layout of the media element on the display screen, and an indication of a type of equipment connected to at least one of the plurality of interfaces;

a script text storage unit for storing the plurality of script texts;

a layout presenting means for presenting layout options based on the plurality of script texts;

script text selection means for selecting a script text from the plurality of script texts;

an interface selection means for identifying the external source of the media element based on the external source information contained in the script text selected by the script text selection means and selecting one of the plurality of interfaces corresponding to the identified external source to input the media element; and

script process means for displaying the media element on the display screen in accordance with the display layout contained in the script text selected by the script text selection means,

wherein the script text acquisition means determines whether the selected script text [[in]] is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) text or a Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL) ~~an SMIL~~ text, performs an error process if the selected script text is not an XML text or an SMIL text, and cuts and divides the selected script text into a part defining the layout of the display and a part defining the display of the visual media information if the selected script text is an SMIL text.

2. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of interfaces input visual media information different from each other through a plurality of channels, and

the script text includes information for defining said interface for inputting the media element and a channel of the interface.

3. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein the script text acquisition means selects a desired script text and takes in the script text from a server for presenting the script text through a network.

4. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein the script text acquisition means selects a desired script text and receives the script text from a detachably mountable storage medium which records the script text.

5. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a script text acquisition means for storing a plurality of script texts, containing at least a media element identification of visual media information to be input into an electronic equipment from one of a plurality of interfaces, an external source information of the media element, a display layout of the media element on a display screen, and an indication of a type of equipment connected to at least one of the plurality of interfaces;

a recognition means for recognizing a characteristic of the electronic equipment;

a script text customizing means for customizing at least one of the plurality of script texts according to the characteristic of the electronic equipment; and

script text distribution means for reading a corresponding script text from the script text storage unit and distributing the customized script text to the electronic equipment through a network in response to a request from the electronic equipment as a client,

wherein the media element is input by one of the plurality of interfaces corresponding to the external source information at the electronic equipment, and

the script text acquisition means determines whether the script text [[in]] is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) text or a Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL) an SMIL text, performs an error process if the script text is not an XML text or an SMIL text, and cuts and divides the script text into a part defining the layout of the display and a part defining the display of the visual media information if the script text is an SMIL text.

6. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 5, wherein:

the characteristic of the electronic equipment comprises at least one of display size information and interface information.

7. (Currently Amended) A distribution method of a layout script text, comprising the steps of:

connecting a server to an electronic equipment through a network, the server including a media element identification of visual media information to be input to the electronic equipment from one of a plurality of interfaces, an external source information of the media element, a script text storage unit for storing a script text defining at least a display layout of the media element on a display screen and an indication of a type of equipment connected to at least one of the plurality of interfaces, the electronic equipment being for causing the media element to be displayed on the display screen in accordance with a script text;

requesting a distribution of the script text to the server from the electronic equipment;

reading a corresponding script text from the script text storage unit to distribute the script text to the electronic equipment through the network in response to the request issued to the server;

recognizing a characteristic of the electronic equipment;

determining whether the script text [[in]] is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) text or a Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL) an SMIL text; performing an error process if the script text is not an XML text or an SMIL text;

parsing the script text into a part defining the layout of the display and a part defining the display of the visual media information if the script text is an SMIL text; customizing the script text according to the characteristic of the electronic equipment; and distributing the customized script text to the electronic equipment, wherein the media element is input by one of the plurality of interfaces corresponding to the external source information at the electronic equipment.

8. (Previously Presented) The distribution method of a layout script text according to claim 7, wherein the characteristic of the electronic equipment comprises at least one of display size information and interface information.

9. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of script texts is customized based on a characteristic of the electronic equipment.